State Happenings

Kalamazoo-The influenza quarantines have been lifted in Plainwell, South Haven and Schoolcraft.

Hillsdale-Of the 427 marriage licenses issued during the year, more than half were given to couples from Ohio and Indiana.

Kalkaska-Supervisors seek an amendment to the state law for game conservation which will enable them to double the bounty on predatory ani-

Kalkaska-Reba Kirkpatrick has been appointed supervisor of nurses at the Mission Hospital, Baroda, India, and will sail from San Francisco, February 11.

Mt. Clemens-The Business Men's Association announces that Macomo County contributed \$51,035 to the United War Work fund, Mt. Clemens gave \$17,868. Albion-Al. J. Wilder received 13,-

834 eggs from his flock of Leghorns during the year. Keeping the hens warm, says Wilder, is the secret of big egg production.

Reed City-After looting the grocery stores of Samuel Johnson and A. T. Erier, burglars visited the Patterson clothing store and displayed discriminating taste in selecting out-

den, who is one of seven survivors of listed men. a company of 250 Chateau-Thierry

East Lansing-M. A. C. experts have mer which will enable him to keep tarm accounts by devoting only a minute or two each day to the book-

Algonac-While walking on the street, Dorothy Harrow, 16 years old, suddenly became totally blind. She was taken to Port Huron, where physicians express little nope of restoring her sight.

Marshall-Henry Krotzer Sunday declined re-election as Marshall Baptist Sunday school superintendent for the 25th consecutive year. Charles O. Miller was named church clerk for the 23rd consecutive year.

Ann Arbor-Revolvers and handcuffs valued at \$172.50 and 226 blankets are among the supplies which Washtenaw county supervisors demand an accounting of from former Sherin Lindenschmidt. The supplies, it is alleged, were not turned over to his successor, Col. A. C. Park.

Marshall-"Mother, I set the home on fire. It's all ablaze upstairs." Thus yelled Charles, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Brooks, as he came running downstairs. As the mother opened the door to the children's playroom, she found it dense with smoke The fire department checked the blaze with a loss of \$25.

Lansing-The Reliance Engineering company property was purchased by the General Motors corporation for \$290,000. The property has been turned over to the Olds Motor Works for future expansion of this Lansing concern. No immediate plans for the utilization of the newly acquired property have been made,

Muskegon-The police department investigation, which recently resulted in complete exonoration of Chief Charles B. Morey, and developed an attempted "frame up" to get Morey, will be resumed when Attorney R. J. MacDonald, who represented Morey, recovers from an illness, it is announce ed. The probe may take in municipal appropriations backed by certain city officials.

Bay City-After brief deliberation a jury in Circuit Court returned a verdict in favor of the contestants in the will of James H. Potter. An estate of \$25,000 was involved in the action. Potter, who was a local milk dealer. cut off each of the four children with \$250 and left a 40-acre farm to the widow. He left \$1,000 each to eight brothers in England and willed a 96acre farm to the city for experimental

Lansing-During December 7,599 positions were filled by the state employment bureau. Of this total, 6,892 were males and 707 females. By the different agencies, the positions filled were as follows: Detroit, 4,572 males, 89 females; Flint, 116 males, 35 females; Grand Rapids, 1,530 males, 316 females; Jackson, 206 males, 152 Grand Rapids and follows an opinion Paul, Minn. females; Kalamazoo, 142 males, 40 females; Lansing, 64 males, females; Muskegon, 154 males, 22 Saginaw, 108 males, temales. The number of applications from employers totaled 2,250 and the number of applications from wouldbe employes was 8,676.

Flint-Genesce county supervisors have urged Governor Sleeper not to interfere in case of Clarence H. Lintz. local auto dealer, convicted of receiving stolen property, who is seeking rehearing before supreme court to avoid serving sentence, Prosecutor R. E. Brownell told the supervisors an effort is being made by businessmen to in-Governor Sleeper to pardon Lintz, although he said neither he nor the trial judge had been consulted. Lints was convicted of purchasing an automobile stolen by two boys from a Detroit man.

Flint—Hearing petitions from factory employes, women's club and oth ers common council has ordered the D. U. R. to discontinue skip-stops.

Port Huron-The body of John Harold, of Serbia, who was drowned more than a year ago by falling from a pile-driver, was found imbedded in the ice below Sarnia. It was identified by a watch.

Calumet-When they broke through thin ice at the dam here recently three boys were drowned and a fourth rescued. The dead are Rudolph Michaelson, 15: Toivo Helander, 15, and Hubert Sautio, 13.

Detroit-Highland Park had \$187,-622.89 in its treasury January 1, according to a report by Controller R. R. Hoffman to the council. In the last six months of 1918 expenditures. were \$463,371.71 and receipts were \$578,756.56.

Traverse City-John Blacken, an express driver was appointed chief of police of Traverse City, succeeding Chief Chester Olson. But he didn't slip anything over on Olson for when he took the latter's job Olson took his position as express driver.

Pontiac-The annual report of the Leonard Rowland trust fund for the care of orphans and friendless children in Oakland county, filed recently, shows that \$1,181 has been expended in charitable work in a year. The income on \$30,000 is available annually.

Mt. Clemens-That Selfridge Field will be used during the winter is intimated by the fact that Maj. Lackland, commandant, announces that the Hillsdale Under auspices of the excess of men now at the camp will local war board, a reception was given be discharged in order to make up the in honor of Frank D. Miller, of Cam- complement of 25 officers and 250 en-

Hancock-Rev. J. A. Nikander, pres. ident of the Finnish (Suomi) college, is dead at his home here of paralysis. devised an account book for the far. Rev. Nikander, who also was president of the Lutheran church of the United States, was first elected president of the college in 1896, and had been reelected every year since. He was 64

Detroit-With an attendance of more than 200, bidding was brisk at the auction of West Fort street frontage conducted in the Hotel Pontchartrain, by Joseph P. Day, of New York. The entire offering was sold in less than an hour, for \$46,179, an average of \$88 a foot, three buyers taking it all and two paying cash in full.

Saginaw-The Saginaw board of supervisors started the annual January session without any fireworks and only routine matters ahead for the week. Action of the Ottawa county supervisors in petitioning for a raise in compensation was tabled, as each township has the right to grant its supervisors increased per diem.

Monroe-After state troopers had halted a Detroit motorcycle patrolman whose machine was equipped with a suspicious looking tank, he was escorted to Monroe and then it was found that the tank had a cork which could be released by the steering gear and it was empty. The cop was released upon his promise to surrender

the tank. Ferndale-The village commission has made the following appointments: William H Mills who month ago, village marshal and health officer; Frank Heineman, street and drain commissioner, succeeding to the office recently held by John Burkhardt; Attorney A. M. King, of Detroit, succeeding Calom N. Smith, resigned. Mills gained notoriety by arresting Mayor Couzens for speeding.

Washington-The war department has issued a list of three officers and 160 enlisted men who have been returned to France from German prisons and hospitals, including the following Michigan privates: Otto A. Westburg. 515 Kresge building, Detroit: Arthur C. Hellum, Bar Harbor; Mathew Kerr, Bay City; John Dyer, Reed City; Vin cent G. Hattinger, Quincy; Guy Perry, Farwell and James H. Laclair, Wyan-

Detroit-Major Martin B. Hanaz. commanding the First battalion, Five Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, Michigan State troops, stationed in Highland Park, has received word from Adjutant General Bersey that the state is anxious to have an armory built in Highland Park. To inducprivate capital to invest in a building that could be used both as armory and public auditorium, the state offers

to pay \$2,000 yearly rental. Grand Rapids-Kent county jury commission have decided that women may serve as jurors in court trials in brought against Senator La Follette. Kent county if they are found to be of Wisconsin, because of statements competent. This decision extends to in his speech September 20, 1917, be- the Custer war zone, without passes, the superior court of the city of fore the Non-Partisan league at St. from 4:30 to 11 p. m. any day, from submitted by Prosecuting Attorney Hofflus. The number of each sex to serve as jurors will be decided by the commission. The same districts will be maintained and 96 jurors will be chosen from each, the same for the Grand Rapids superior court, and 100 for the justice courts.

Lansing-Traffic officers for villages would be authorized by a bill in. troduced into the senate by Senator Miller. The bill would permit a number of villages on the west side of the state near which are located summer resorts, to have traffic officers to control automobile traffic. Under the present laws, no person can legally attend to such work, but a deputy sheriff and the idea is to have a regular traffic officer in each village to stop the speeders, insist upon the village rules for parking being observed.

FOR DRY NATION

NEBRASKA'S RATIFICATION OF FEDERAL AMENDMENT BRINGS VICTORY FOR DRY LEADERS.

BECOMES LAW ONE YEAR HENCE

Distillers Prepare to Export Whiskies And Other Spirits Now in Bond-To Fight Amendment in 22 States.

New York.-Distilling interest of the country, anticipating enforcement of nation-wide prohibition a year hence, have completed plans for the conversion of their manufacturing plants and for export of the whiskies and other spirits now in bond, Norman R. Sterne, president of the Trans-Oceanic Commercial Corporation, newly organized export subsidiary of the Distillers' Securities Corporation, said here.

Chicago.-The United States has completed the legislative process of

voting itself dry. When word was flashed over the wires that the thirty-sixth state, Nebraska, had ratified the Prohibition Amendment, prohibition leaders declared that the accomplishment was the greatest piece of moral legislation in the history of the world.

It was affirmed by similar action in the legislatures of Missouri and ing filed with George Engel, city con year, be substituted for the reorgani-Wyoming, making 38 states in all troller. which have approved a dry America. Affirmative action by some of the state legislatures vet to act is predicted.

The amendment to the Federal Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages becomes effective one year after the date of its final ratification. Meanby Presidential proclamation as a war measure unless the president re- mate \$40,000,000. scinds it before that date.

The legislature of Mississippi was the first to ratify, taking this action on Jan. 8, 1918. Fourteen other states took similar action during that year, the last of them being Louisiana, which ratified on Aug. 8.

Michigan, having by a state law state to ratify in 1919, the Legislature voting on the second day of the now year.

Meanwhile a distillers' committee, through Levy Mayer, chief of their counsel, announced that in 22 states the constitutions require a referendum vote of citizens to ratify a constitu tional amendment.

U.S. SHIPS CARRIED 46 % OF MEN

Official Figures For First Time Show 2,079,000 Yanks in Europe.

to which American ships transported lage east of here. The charred bodies time organizations such as the tank Bran, \$52; standard middlings, \$52@ the American Army of approximately of Mrs. Lampman and the baby, who corps, transportation and motor trans. 54; coarse cornmeal, \$61; cracked sels escorted by American warships, from the ruins. A 12-year-old daugh- with exception of the chemical warirrespective of what vessels were carrying the troops. These statistics to escape. vary from the previously announced figures which represented a larger escorted by the British navy.

The official figures show that 46.25 were transported in American ships -43.75 per cent in American naval in British ships was 48,25 per cent. An additional 3 per cent was carried and another 2.50 per cent in ships of other nations.

The American Navy escorted and guarded the transport of \$2.75 per cent of all the troops; the British 14.12 per cent; the French 3.13 per

DISLOYALTY CHARGE SET ASIDE

Action Against La Follette of Wiscon sin Voted Down By Senate 50-21.

Washington.-The senate has adopted the resolution of its elections com- hereafter. The only requirement is mittee recommending that no action that they reach camp in time for be taken on the disloyalty charges reveille the following morning.

The vote was 50 to 21, twenty Democrats and one Republican voting in the negative.

There was no demonstration follow. ing the vote, Senator La Follette heard the result announced without changing his expression.

Convicted By Fair Jurors,

Flint,-Michigan's first "all-woman" O. Crawford, charged with being intoxicated, returned a verdict of guilty Men jurors had twice failed to agree the women took occasion to flay previous juries in the case, some of whom he said he had learned, failed to vote for conviction because of prejudices against the police, though they ad-Crawford had been intoxicated.

WHAT PROHIBITION DOES WHEN COUNTRY GOES DRY

300,000 SALOONS WILL CLOSE THEIR DOORS.

Here are a few of the things the prohibition constitutional amendment will do:

Wipe out at a stroke 226 distilleries, 992 breweries and more than 200,000 saloons, forcing employes to seek other jobs.

Cut off these persons from an annual income totaling more than \$70,000,000 in pre-war times, Cut off from the United States treasury a source of taxation counted on for an even \$1,000,000,000 in the first drafts of the new revenue bill and millions in additional incomes to state treasuries.

Remove the liquor question from national, state and city policies for all time and help decrease city, state and federal expense by decreasing law violations. Improve longevity to the economic value of billions of dollars. Bring about a rapid decrease in many forms of

DETROIT BUDGET \$40,000,000

If Allowed, City Tax Rate Will Almost Double That of Last Year.

Detroit.—The biggest program civic improvements ever contemplat- appropriation bill continuing the existed in Detroit is provided for in bud. ing war organization of the departgets of all city departments now be- ment and regular army for another

allowed by the new Council and jority of the committee members. Board of Estimates, the tax rate will take a big jump over last year. City officials say this is necessary if the reorganization measure framed by the city is to get the improvements want-

The city in 1918 raised by taxation \$22,010,134, with a tax rate of \$17.89 while, the nation foes dry July 1 next on each \$1,000. The amount to be paid in taxes this year will approxi- over all branches of the army now

H. H. Esselystyn, commissioner of public works, has asked that his de-

serve Board at Washington. To this propriation bill. figure Mr. Esselstyn has added \$2,-612,465.

EXPLOSION COSTS THREE LIVES

Attempt to Start Fire With Kerosene Proves Serious for Lampman Family.

Three Rivers .- Mrs. William J. Lampman and four months' old baby man so seriously burned that he died base pay of \$15 a month for privates straw, \$10.50@11 per ton in carlots, Paris .- Official figures, available a few hours after, when fire destroyed and exclusive of \$86,000,000 carried in Detroit. 2,079,000 men to Europe and also were trapped by the flames in their portation corps, independent air ser- corn, \$61; chop, \$52 per ton. show the very high percentage of ves. bedroom as they slept, were taken vice and the like are to be continued. ter was the only member of the family fare service.

Lampman attempted to start a fire with kerosene in a stove in the bedproportion carried in British ships and room occupied by his wife and haby. The oil exploded setting fire to his clothing and furnishings of the room per cent of all the American troops His screams awakened the daughter, who threw water over him in an unsuccessful attempt to put out the fire, transports. The percentage carried He was ungonscious when neighbors smothered the fire in his clothing.

in Italian ships leased to the British, ARMY MEN GIVEN MORE LIBERTY

Can Spend Three Nights a Week With Their Family Living in Battle Creek.

Camp Custer, Battle Creek.-Peace conditions are bringing, besides partial demobilization of the Fourteenth division, further concessions to the

soldiers remaining at Camp Custer. Recent orders extended the privilege of town leaves, so that married officers and enlisted men whose wives and families live in Battle Creek may spend three nights a week with them

Enlisted men can visit Kalamazoo Battle Creek, or other towns within noon to 4:30 Saturday, and from 9 a. m to 4:30 Sundays. If they stay loning officers have also been authorized to grant furloughs to enlisted men for periods not to exceed 15 days, provided that not more than 5 per cent of a command be spared at one time.

Departments Ask Army of 500,000. -Washington.-Secretary Baker and jury which tried the case of Charles General March, chief of staff, appeared before the House Military Commit. tee to support the Army reorganization bill providing for a temporary and Justice Landon, in congratulating army of approximately 500,000 men to

U.S. COMBAT UNITS ORDERED SET FREE

MEANS THAT ONLY ENOUGH MEN WILL BE HELD AT VARIOUS CAMP FOR POLICE DUTY.

REORGANIZATION BILL HELD UP

Gen, March Says A total Strength of 509,000 Men Is Provided For-Organized Into 20 Divisions.

Washington. - Demobilization of combat units in the United States has been ordered, General March, chief of staff, told the house military committee.

This means, he added, that every unit of the army in the United States with the exception of two regular regiments held for police duty at each camp has been ordered demobilized. The house military committee prac-

tically reached an agreement in conference with Secretary Baker and General March, to postpone the war department reorganization bill until the next session of congress and with it a large part of the prospective debate over the future military policy of the country.

A suggestion by Chairman Dent that a legislative rider on the army zation measure, met with approval of If all improvements asked for are Mr. Baker and apparently with a ma-

Secretary Baker and the chief of staff explained to the committee the department, providing for a regular army of 500,000 men to be raised by voluntary enlistment on a at tfihreemade permanent the absolute control exercised by the chief of staff as a war time necessity.

Committee members, pointed out partment be allowed to carry out a that the war department bill on its \$10,000,000 program of new sewers. face appeared to be a military policy This is the largest single item in the measure which abandoned the theory yellow, \$1.39; No. 6 yellow, \$1.32; No. big scheme of public improvements. of universal military obligation. Mr. 3 white, \$1.44. The Department of Public Works Baker insisted this was not the case; last year asked for nearly \$8,000,000 that no attempt to fix the nation's made itself dry in 1918, was the first for new sewers, but bonds for the policy as to a peace time army was work were held up by the capital is- involved. The committee will take up sues committee of the Federal Re- at once hearings on the regular ap-

Secretary Baker would make no de \$1.95; feed, \$1.85@1.90 per cwt. claration in regard to universal military service suggestions. General \$25.20; alsike, \$19.25; timothy, \$5. March said the army was now organized under presidential order and the plan included in the staff bill was \$10,50 per bbl in jobbing lots. practically that organization. A total

MME. LEBAUDY ORDERED JAILED

Despite Her Illness, District Attorney Weeks Wants Slayer Imprisoned.

Mineola, N. Y .- Orders for the ailing of Mrs. Marie Augustine Lebaudy, slayer of her husband, Jac-Attorney Weeks, despite the statement of the slaver's physician that she was so ill any sudden excitement might kill her.

Mark Rosenfield, a messenger boy who said he accompanied Lebaudy to Phoenix Lodge the night of the killing, and the taxi driver who took them there testified.

The jewelry, which attracted great attention at Lebaudy's "throne room" at a London hotel, constitutes the only property other than the lodge which will fall to his widow and the 15. year-old daughter, Jacqueline.

SENATE APPROVES ROAD BILL

Legislature Can Bond State For Any Amount to \$50,000,000 For Roads.

Lansing.-The resolution to submit the good roads amendment in April passed unanimously in the senate after a recess, during which a former senator, Phillip L. Colgrove, ducks, 38@40c; geese, 25@26c per lb. ger they must have passes. Command- of Hastings, president of the Mich. igan Good Roads Association, spoke. The amendment would make it possible for the legislature to boud the state for any amount less than \$50,000,000 for building highways.

Japan Labor Leader On Way to Paris San Francisco, - Bunji Suzuki, known as the "Gompers of Japan," arrived here from the Orient on the pers in Paris," said Mr. Suzukt

Latest Markets

LIVE STOCK-DETROIT. Best heavy steers, \$14@15.50; best handy-wt, butcher steers, \$10.25@ 11.25; mixed steers and helfers, \$9.25 @10; bandy light butchers, \$8.25@

8.75; Light butchers, \$7.25@7.50; best cows, \$9@9.25: butcher cows, \$7.25@ 7.75; cutters, \$6.75@7; Canners, \$6@ 6.50; best heavy bulls, \$10@11.50; bologna bulls, \$8.50@9.25; stock bulls, \$7.25@7.75; milkers and springers \$65@125.

Veal Calves. The veal calf trade was fully \$1.50 a hundred lower than last week. Bulk of sales for good grades being

at \$17 to \$17.50, with a few choice at Sheep and Lambs.

\$15@15.50; light to common lambs, \$11@13; fair to good sheep, \$8.50@9; culls and common, \$6@7.

Best lambs, \$15.75@16; fair lambs,

Mixed hogs brought \$17.50 and pigs \$15.50.

EAST BUFFALO.

steady, others 25c lower; prime heavy steers, \$17@18; best shipping steers, \$15@16; medium shipping steers, \$14 @15; best yearlings, 950 to 1,000 lbs., \$16@17; light yearlings, good quality, \$14@15; best handy steers, \$13@14; fair to good kinds, \$11@12; handy steers and heifers, mixed, \$11.50@ 12.50; western heifers, \$13.50; best fat cows, \$9@10; butcher cows, \$7@S; cutters, \$7@7.50; canners, \$6.25@6.50; fancy bulls, \$9@10; butcher bulls, \$8 @9; common bulls, \$6; best feeding steers, \$10@10.50; medium feeders, \$8.50@9; stockers, \$7@8; light common, \$6@7; milkers and springers,

Hogs-25c lower: heavy and york ers, \$18; pigs, \$17@17.25.

Sheep and lambs-lambs 25c lower; top lambs, \$17.25@17.50; yearlings, year basis. The bill also would have \$15@16; wethers, \$12@12.50; ewes, \$10.50@11. Calves, \$7@21.

GRAIN, ETC.

Wheat-Cash No. 2 red, \$2.30; No. 2 mixed, \$2.28; No. 2 white, \$2.28. Corn-Cash No. 3, \$1.42; No. 3 yellow, \$1.47; No. 4 yellow, \$1.52; No. 5

Oats-Standard, 71 1.2c asked: No. white, 71c; No. 4 white, 70c. Rye-Cash No. 2, \$1.55 asked.

Beans-Immediate and prompt ship. ment, \$8.75 per cwt. Barley-Cash No. 3, \$2; No. 4.

Seed-Prime red clover, \$25; March, Flour-Spring patent, \$11.20; soft

winter patent, \$11.30; winter straights, the front." Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$28.50@29; strength of 509,000 men is provided standard timothy, \$27.50@28; light for, he said, to be organized into 20 mixed, \$27.50@28; No. 2 timothy, divisions, grouped in five corps. The \$26,50@27; No. 1 mixed, \$25.50@26; total annual cost he fixed at \$1,185. No. 1 clover, \$24.50@25; tangled rye ous applause on both sides of the were burned to death and Mr. Lamp- 000,000, estimated on a return to a straw, \$11.50@12; wheat and oat chamber,

for the first time, show the full extent their home in Sherwood, a small vil. the fortifications bill. Of existing war Feed-in 100-ib sacs tok jobbers;

BUTTER, CHEESE, EGGS. Butter: Fresh creamery, firsts, 62

@63c per lb. Eggs-Fresh firsts, 57 1-2c; extra firsts, candled, in new cases, 581-2c per doz.

Cheese-Michigan flats, 36@36 1.2c; brick, 35@35 1.2c; long horns, 37 1-2c; Wisconsin double daisles, 37c: Wisconsin twins, 36c; limburger, September make, 1-lb 31c, 2-lb 30c; domestic ques Lebaudy, were issued by District Swiss, 42@45c; block Swiss, 32@40c

FARM AND GARDEN. Rabbits-\$3.25@3.50 per doz. Honey-New white 25c per lb. Popcorn-Shelled, 16@18c per 1b. Celery-Home-grown, 35@40c per

Cabbage-Home-grown, 90c@\$1 per

Dressed Hogs-Light, 22c; heavy, 20@21c per lb. Sweet Potatoes-Jersey, \$2.50@2.75

per hamper. Potatoes-Carlots, No. 1 round white, \$2@2.10 in sacks per cwt. Apples-Spy, \$7.50@8; Greening \$6.50@7.50; Baldwin, \$7@7.50 per bbl. Calves (dressed)-Fancy, 25@26c; choice, 23@24c; common, 21@22c per

Lettuce-Head, \$3@3.25 per hamper: !ceberg, \$5.50@6 per crate; leaf, 18@20c per pound. Dressed Poultry-Turkeys, 42@44c;

chickens, 34@35c; hens, 34@35c; Live Poultry-No. 1 springs, 28@ 29c; small springs, 26@27c; hens, 29 @30c; small hens and Leghorns, 27@ 28c; roosters, 20@21c; geese, 28@ 30c; ducks, 36@38c; turkeys, 24@35q per 1b.

Twenty German Girls Arrested. Cobleng.—Twenty German girls

weeping streets at Andernach, near here, have been arrested, charged steamer Shinyo Maru, on his way to with a violation of Gen. Pershing's the Paris Peace Conference. In the order forbidding them to talk with party was Dr. S. Tachi, a professor in American soldiers. These arrests emreplace the war armies, and for legal- the Imperial University of Japan, an phasize the order not to permit fraization of the general staff and War authority on international law, who ternization in the occupied regions. Department organizations built up will act as advisor to the Japanese Approximately the same number of during the war. The bill was sub- commissioners, and R. Kamei, special girls have been proven guilty of viomitted to Chairman Dent, of the correspondent of the Jiji Shimpo, of lating the order and have been de-House committee, and other officials Tokio. "I expect to meet Mr. Gem- ported to points within the German

HEAVY CASUALTIES UNDER WAR PROBE

REP. CAMPBELL OFFERS RESOLU-TION TO INQUIRE INTO CAUSE OF LOSSES IN 35 DIVISION.

QUICK ACTION BEING SOUGHT

Author Claims That Soldiers Were Neglected After Battle Where Heavy Casualties Were Inflicted.

Washington.-A definite step toward congressional investigation of the war department and the army was taken in the house. Rep. Campbell, Republican, of Kansas, introduced a resolution providing for a special committee of five members to inquire intothe cause of the heavy casualties in the Thirty-fifth division. It was referred to the rules committee, rather than the military affairs committee, which would indicate quick action.

Campbell is a member of the rules committee. Among the charges in East Buffalo: Cattle-Prime grades the resolution are:

1. That two commanding officers of the division were withdrawn for staff duty the day before the battle of Argonne and that the division was commanded during that battle by sub-

2. That there were 7,000 casualties and that 1,200 wounded were left on the field without shelter, food or medical attention for 36 hours, during a great part of which time it was rain-

3. That the division went into bat. tle without proper artillery support, adequate ammunition, aeroplane protection, or proper food supplies.

Discussing his resolution, Campbell "I propose the responsibility for this condition shall be placed where it be-

"Those facts were given to me by a Red Cross officer who was an eyewitness. They are verified by men of

the Thirty-fifth. "When I am given a hearing upon the resolution, which I expect to have. I intend that those witnesses be sum. moned by the war department, so that we can fix the blame if possible. I shall suggest also that the terms of the resolution be broadened so that it may authorize a sweeping investigation of the army and the war depart-

ment. "In my judgment, such an investi, gation is inevitable. The Democrats would not oppose it. Their mail is just like the mail of Republicans, filled with stories of bad treatment told by soldiers now returning from

Sentiment in the house has been strongly developing in favor of an in vestigation. During the last few days. attacks on the war department and officers have been greeted with gener-

EX-PRESIDENT TO TOUR U.S.

Will Address Meetings in Favor of League of Nations With Others

New York.-The League to Enforce Peace, of which former President William Howard Taft is president, began mailing 390,000 invitations to the 'National Congress for a League of Nations." The congress will be held under the auspices of the league in various sections of the country as fol-

New York, February 5-6; Boston. February 7-8; Chicago, February 10.11; Minneapolis, February 12-13; Portland, Ore., February 16-17; San Francisco, February 19-20; Salt Lake City, February 21-22; St. Louis, February 25-26; Atlanta, February 28-

Mr. Taft and a corps of speaker will tour the country in a special car and address the meeting. Among the signers of the invitations are: Cardinal Gibbons, Samuel Gompers and Dr. John R. Mott, executive head of the Y. M. C. A.

PHONE RATES IN STATE HELD UP

Michigan Railroad Commission Balks Rates Because They Were Not File.

Lansing.-Because neither the Grand Rapids Telephone company or the Independent Telephone and Traffic association, has published its application, or asked for a public hearing, as is required by the Michigan law. The Michigan railroad commission will not grant the request of these companies for an increase in rate as established by Postmaster-General Burleson. This action was taken at a meeting of the commission. This is the first time that notice has come officially to the railroad commission of Mr. Burleson's telephone schedule.

Kent Resident's Fight Traction Fare. Grand Rapids -- Grand Rapids township residents have appealed to the supervicors asking that the Grand Rap. ids Rallway company refrain from charging the North Park bridge fare and the regular six cent city fare. They said the total charge is nine cents which is not authorized by the franchise, which provides that no more than eight cents should be charged from any point west of the river to any part in the city. Company asked to cut rates or fight proceedings.